

Foreign Service nominations beginning Kathleen Therese Austin, and ending Ronda S. Zander, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 13, 1997.

Foreign Service nominations beginning Kenton W. Keith, and ending Terrence W. Sullivan, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 13, 1997.

Foreign Service nominations beginning Daniel B. Conable, and ending Francis J. Tarrant, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 13, 1997.

Foreign Service nominations beginning Kenneth P. Moorefield, and ending James Wilson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 8, 1997.

Foreign Service nominations beginning Susan B. Aramayo, and ending Robert S. Morris, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 1997.

Navy nominations beginning Thomas P. Yavorski, and ending Robert J. Barton, III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 28, 1997.

Navy nominations beginning Craig L. Herrick, and ending William F. Conroy, II, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 28, 1997.

Public Health Service nominations beginning Dan L. Longo, and ending Christopher R. Walsh, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 30, 1997.

Public Health Service nominations beginning Larry J. Anderson, and ending John N. Zey, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 30, 1997.

Mr. LOTT. I do note, Mr. President, that I have discussed this with Senator DASCHLE and this substantially cleans the Executive Calendar. There are a few remaining, but they are awaiting companion nominations or have problems that I think we may resolve soon after we get back. This is a major list of nominations that are being confirmed this afternoon. I am glad we were able to work out the difficulties.

#### NOMINATIONS OF ANN JORGENSEN AND LOWELL JUNKINS

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I support the nomination of Ann Jorgensen to the Farm Credit Administration Board of Directors and Lowell Junkins to the Farmer Mac Board of Directors. Both nominees appeared before the Agriculture Committee on April 10 and both were favorably reported out of committee on April 15 by unanimous vote.

The Farm Credit System is an important source of agricultural credit for rural America. The system is regulated by the Farm Credit Administration, which has had a vacancy on its three-member Board since March 31, 1995. I am pleased that after that long vacancy we have a qualified nominee to complete the board. Ms. Jorgensen has a distinguished career in farming, entrepreneurship, and public service and will serve as an FCA board member.

Farmer Mac was created by Congress in 1988 to promote a secondary market

in farm real estate loans. The Farm Credit System Reform Act of 1996 provided Farmer Mac with additional authorities to develop a successful secondary market. The future of Farmer Mac will be determined in the next 2 years. It is important that qualified individuals serve on the board to help move Farmer Mac toward a successful secondary market for agricultural loans.

Mr. Junkins has served as a recess appointee to the Farmer Mac Board of Directors since April 1996. Mr. Junkins was also spoken highly of by the distinguished ranking member of the Agriculture Committee, Senator HARKIN, Senator GRASSLEY, and Congressman BOSWELL.

Ann Jorgensen and Lowell Junkins are well qualified and should be confirmed by the Senate to the Farm Credit Administration Board and the Farmer Mac Board respectively. I urge my colleagues to vote for their nomination.

### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1974. A communication from the Acting Chair of the Federal Subsistence Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations" (RIN1018-AD90) received on May 21, 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1975. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Reservists' Education" (RIN2900-AI54) received on May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1976. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Forfeiture Act of 1997"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1977. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Regulation C" received on May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1978. A communication from the Acting General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, five rules including a rule entitled "Manufactured Housing" (FR-4106, 4080, 4223, 4108, 4166) received on May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. D'AMATO, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 462. A bill to reform and consolidate the public and assisted housing programs of the United States, and to redirect primary responsibility for these programs from the Federal Government to States and localities, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-21).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 507. A bill to establish the United States Patent and Trademark Organization as a Government corporation, to amend the provisions of title 35, United States Code, relating to procedures for patent applications, commercial use of patents, reexamination reform, and for other purposes.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 799. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 800. A bill to create a tax cut reserve fund to protect revenues generated by economic growth; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, and Mr. HUTCHINSON):

S. 801. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for improved and expedited procedures for resolving complaints of unlawful employment discrimination arising within the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 802. A bill to provide for the retention of the name of the mountain at the Devils Tower National Monument in Wyoming known as "Devils Tower", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THURMOND (for himself and Mr. MURKOWSKI):

S. 803. A bill to permit the transportation of passengers between United States ports by certain foreign-flag vessels and to encourage United States-flag vessels to participate in